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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated April 24, 2001 kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph between page 10, line 9 and page 11, line 7 with the following: -- The cutting cylinder 3 has cutting blades for cutting a ribbon 1 into signatures of a The transfer cylinder 4 has cutting ledges 11 desired length.

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